

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## IN HONOR OF HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month—a celebration of Americans of Hispanic heritage and their significant contributions to our community and to our nation, and hosted this year by the Louis Stokes Cleveland Department of Veterans Affairs Centers in Brecksville and Wade Park.

This year's theme is "Hispanic Americans: Strength in Unity, Faith and Diversity". This expression is reflective of the five hundred-year history of Hispanic culture and contribution to America. Americans of Hispanic heritage have gracefully and significantly assimilated to, and contributed within, every aspect of our society—enhancing the vibrancy and diversity of life in America.

Hispanic Americans have contributed immeasurably to all areas of our culture—from medicine, law, and business, to education, music and the fine arts. Hispanic Americans in our community and in communities across the country are life-saving doctors and nurses, inspiring professors, dedicated teachers, committed elected officials, fair-minded judges, and hardworking factory employees. Americans of Hispanic heritage bring energy, innovation, and a real sense of social justice to America, while retaining the cultural traditions of their homeland—for all citizens to enjoy.

Moreover, United States Veterans of Hispanic heritage have answered the call to action when our nation needed them most. Thousands of these veterans made the ultimate sacrifice to defend the rights and freedoms for all citizens. Because of the conviction, bravery and selfless action of American Veterans of Hispanic heritage—action seen in every American military conflict, and within every branch of the United States Armed Forces—American democracy and American freedom has been preserved.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, and join me in expressing my gratitude to the outstanding contributions made by Hispanic Americans, especially American Veterans of Hispanic heritage, for their sacrifices and triumphs, on behalf of our entire society. Their journey to America, fraught with significant obstacles and strife, paved the way for a better life for their children and future generations, and signifies what it means to be an American. Within our diversity we find strength. Within our traditions we find unity. And because of their journey—and the journey of people from all points of the world—we are stronger as a community, more unified as a nation, and better as people.

## TRIBUTE TO SUE LEMPERT FOR THIRTY YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE CITY OF SAN MATEO

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to invite my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to an extraordinary woman and a very dear friend of mine, Mrs. Sue Lempert, for her thirty years of devoted service to the city of San Mateo, California, which is located in my congressional district.

In 1973 Sue began her illustrious service to the city as a trustee for the San Mateo Elementary School District, where she served for 10 years. She then spent another 10 years as a trustee with the San Mateo Union High School District, before being elected a member of the San Mateo City Council in 1993.

She subsequently served as both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of San Mateo. Since joining the San Mateo City Council, Sue has worked especially hard to improve the transportation system of San Mateo, making it more efficient and environmentally safe. She also has been a strong advocate for increased funding for public libraries, and as a tribute to her, the "Celebrating Sue Lempert Fund" has been created in hopes of raising \$50,000 for a new San Mateo Library.

Mr. Speaker, Sue Lempert's involvement in San Mateo extends beyond her position with the City Council. She is a board member of both the Friends of Early Learning and the Junior Statesmen Foundation. She is a member of the San Mateo Rotary and the Baywood Homeowners Association. She has been involved with the San Mateo Housing Task Force, the San Mateo Downtown Association, and assisting the elderly with their housing needs through the Lesley foundation. In addition to being a pillar of the San Mateo community, she is a loving wife and mother of three children, all of whom attended San Mateo public schools.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in saluting and congratulating this outstanding individual, on her 30 years of service to San Mateo. I commend Sue Lempert who has dedicated herself to our community and truly has made a difference for those around her and indeed the entire county of San Mateo.

## IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. PAUL CROATIAN CHURCH

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the 100th Anniversary of St. Paul Croatian Church of Cleveland.

Since 1902, St. Paul Church has been serving the spiritual and cultural needs of Croatian Americans in our community. Members and leaders of the Church have been a source of strength and unity for generations of Croatian immigrants, who bravely left behind their beloved homeland to follow the hopeful path to America, seeking a life of justice and freedom.

As Croatian immigrants embraced American freedoms and ideals, St. Paul Church stood like a rock of security, faith and support amid the rough waters of their transition into American society.

Today, as in the past, St. Paul Croatian church continues to be a beacon of light and hope for our Croatian community in Cleveland. This cherished haven has protected and preserved the culture, history and traditions for generations of Croatian Americans—a bond not hindered by time or distance—a bridge connecting the Old World to the New World.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the spiritual leaders and generations of parishioners who founded, supported and sustained St. Paul Croatian Church in Cleveland for one hundred years. As an American of Croatian heritage, I am grateful to have this opportunity to honor an institution that continues to serve as a haven of faith and assistance for generations of Croatian Americans—enhancing the lives of countless individuals and families, and enriching our entire community.

## HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE HON. BOB STUMP

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to honor the memory of former Arizona Congressman Bob Stump and his lifetime of dedication to the United States. I was deeply saddened to learn that our colleague passed away on Friday June 20, 2003, after a long illness. We have not only lost a wonderful friend, but an individual who during his time made countless contributions toward the betterment of our Nation. He was especially concerned with the well-being of our service men and women and went to great lengths to give them the support they so clearly deserve.

Mr. Stump, a native of Phoenix, Arizona, began his career of service at the young age of 16 by joining the Navy. He completed duties as a combat medic during World War II and was elected to the Arizona State Legislature in 1959. There he remained a member for 18 years after which he was elected to represent the 3rd District of Arizona in the United States House of Representatives. During his terms in office, he was appointed as the chairman of both the House Veterans Affairs and Armed Services Committees.

The hundreds who gathered on Wednesday to show their admiration for Mr. Stump could

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